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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GB

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGO AS USG-NORTH KOREA MEDIATOR

REF: LIBREVILLE 1299

1. DEPT INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER BONGO HAS SHOWN ANY SIGNS OF WISHING TO PLAY GREATER INTERMEDIARY ROLE BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH KOREA SINCE RECEIVING PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF JUNE 24. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEW AS TO WHETHER BONGO SEES HIMSELF AS ONGOING UNOFFICIAL MEDIATOR AS HE STATED IN HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OR WHETHER THIS WAS JUST ONE-SHOT AFFAIR. PLEASE SLUG REPLY AF ONLY.

2. FYI - WE STRONGLY OPPOSE ENCOURAGING BONGO IN SUCH MEDIATING ROLE. CHRISTOPHER

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